



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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S. 871

Oklahoma City National Memorial Act of 1997

As passed by the Congress on September 25, 1997

S. 871 would establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park Service (NPS). The act also would establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust, a wholly owned government corporation, to develop, operate, and maintain the new memorial. Section 6 of the act would authorize the trust to accept and use donations from nonfederal sources. Based on information from the Office of Management and Budget, CBO expects that the collections by the trust would be recorded as offsetting receipts and spending of the amounts would represent direct spending. Hence, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply to the act.

Excess monies of the trust would be invested in public securities by the Secretary of the Treasury at the trust's request. All proceeds received by the trust (including donations, recreation fees, and interest on invested funds) would be available without further appropriation. Section 7 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for purposes of the legislation.

Based on information from the Oklahoma City Memorial Foundation, CBO estimates that the trust would collect and spend a total of about \$19 million of donated funds over the next three years to create the new memorial. Outlays would likely lag behind collections, but in aggregate they would offset each other over the development period. Also, beginning in 2000, CBO estimates that the trust would collect and spend recreation fees and other proprietary receipts of between \$2 million and \$3 million annually to operate and maintain the memorial. All such spending would occur without appropriations action, as would the use of any amounts earned as interest on investments (which would likely be insignificant). The net effect of these transactions on direct spending is summarized in the following table.

Summary of Pay-As-You-Go Effects

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars									
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Change in outlays	-11	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Changes in receipts										

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